11. (New) A device for promoting wound healing in mammals, comprising:

a negative pressure source;

a pad for placement within a wound of a mammal;

a drape for sealing enclosure of said pad and for maintaining a reduced pressure & within said wound;

a fluid communication means for communicating between said negative pressure source and said porous pad; and

a heating element for actively heating said porous pad.

- 12. (New) The device according to claim 11 further comprising a cooling element for actively cooling said pad subsequent to heating said pad.
- 13. (New) The device according to claim 11 wherein said heating element is in contact with said pad.
- 14. (New) The device according to claim 11 wherein said heating element comprises at least two sheets having a plurality of apertures and fixedly connected such that said apertures form a plurality of fluid channels.
- 15. (New) The device according to claim 12 wherein said cooling element comprises at least two sheets having a plurality of apertures and fixedly connected such that said apertures form a plurality of fluid channels.
- 16. (New) The device according to claim 14 further comprising a source of warm fluid for circulation through said fluid channels.
- 17. (New) The device according to claim 15 further comprising a source of cool fluid for circulation through said fluid channels.
- 18. (New) A device for promoting wound healing in mammals, comprising:

a negative pressure source;

a pad for placement within a wound of a mammal;

a cover for maintaining a reduced pressure within said wound;

a fluid communication means-for communicating between said negative pressure source and said porous pad; and

a cooling element for actively cooling said porous pad.

- 19. (New) The device according to claim 18 further comprising a heating element for actively heating said porous pad subsequent to cooling said pad.
- 20. (New) The device according to claim 18 wherein said cover is interposed between said porous pad and said cooling element.
- 21. (New) The device according to claim 18 wherein said cooling element comprises at least two sheets having a plurality of apertures and fixedly connected such that said apertures form a plurality of fluid channels.

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Serial No.: 09/937,937 Atty. Docket No.: VAC.482 22 (New) The device according to claim 19 wherein said heating element comprises at least two sheets having a plurality of apertures and fixedly connected such that said apertures form a plurality of fluid channels.

23. (New) The device according to claim 21 further comprising a source of cool fluid for circulation through said fluid channels.

- 24. (New) The device according to claim 22 further comprising a source of warm fluid for circulation through said fluid channels.
- 25. (New) A device for promoting wound healing in mammals, comprising:
 - a negative pressure source;
 - a pad for placement within a wound of a mammal;
- a cover for maintaining a reduced pressure within said wound;
- a fluid communication means for communicating between said negative pressure source and said porous pad; and
- a heating and cooling pad for affecting metabolic function at said wound, and positioned proximate said pad.
- 26. (New) The device according to claim 25 wherein said heating and cooling pad comprises at least two sheets having a plurality of apertures and fixedly connected such that said apertures form a plurality of fluid channels.
- 27. (New) The device according to claim 25 further comprising a source of warm or cool fluid for circulation through said fluid channels.

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